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Moving Los Angeles Forward



Feature Photo: It does not matter WHO you are, everyday there's an opportunity to move up in life - one step at a time

Out with the Old, In with the New

Last month, a new Development Services Center opened at 201 N. Figueroa Street. Along with the Departments of City Planning and Building & Safety, LADOT's Transportation Engineering Associate III, Taimour Tanavoli and Engineering Associate II, Collins Allan moved to the new center on the 5th floor from their previous workspace on the 4th floor. The new center, which allows LADOT to centralize their staff at Figueroa Plaza, co-locates these development review departments to provide applicants with early consultation on review processes and design standards, to gather initial project information, to sign-off building permits and to provide first-level plan reviews. Better customer service for our stakeholders is the result.



New Parking Lot Breaks Ground

A groundbreaking ceremony for City Parking Lot #760 was held in Venice on Monday, March 21, 2016. The lot is located Irving Tabor Court between Venice and Palms Blvds. The surface, public parking lot will have 50 single-space metered parking spaces, bike racks, permeable concrete paving, lighting and landscaping. Construction is expected to be completed within four months and total construction budget is approximately \$750,000 contributed by LADOT. Bureau of Engineering is the Project Manager and the General Services Department is the Construction Manager. This project will help enhance the quality of life for residents and merchants.

DTLA Forward



Today, CD14 Councilmember Jos Huizar was joined by LADOT's General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Public Works Commissioner Heather Reppening, City Planning Director Vince Bertoni and Recreation and Parks' General Manager Mike Schull at a press conference to announce the DTLA Forward initiative. Created by a series of legislative motions designed to consolidate and coordinate planning in Downtown Los Angeles, the goal is to make traffic flow better, increase public spaces, multi-modal and pedestrian use, and safety. These efforts will better connect adjoining neighborhoods in one of the fastest growing downtowns in the United States. For more information please visit: [DTLA Forward](#)

CD2 Traffic Safety Summit

Tonight, Councilmember Paul Krekorian and Valley Village Neighborhood Council are hosting a traffic safety and speed reduction summit for community members at 7:00 PM at Colfax Charter Elementary School. LAPD and LADOT are providing multiple speakers and our General Manager Seleta Reynolds will give a presentation on Vision Zero, the city's mandate to lower traffic fatalities to zero by 2025

LADOT's Outstanding Performers - March

Members of the Transportation Committee, along with General Manager Seleta Reynolds, recognized dedicated and innovative employees from our Operations Group and Accounting Division for their outstanding performance and great dedication to the City of Los Angeles and LADOT's Vision and Mission.

Senior Traffic Supervisor **Cortez Jones** consistently goes above the call of duty and is known for his ability to respond quickly to emergencies or find a resolution to a problem that he or his officers may encounter. Sgt Jones' dedication is commendable and for 26 years he has provided an excellent example for all Traffic Officers and Supervisors to follow.



Transportation Planning Associate II **Chun-Ming Yen** works in our Transit Bureau analyzing the feasibility of Commuter Express and DASH routes, contributing significantly to LADOT Transit's growth and success for decades. He also serves as a mystery rider on Commuter Express route 448, monitoring the quality of bus service the city provides.

Equipment Specialist II **Tommy Melendez** leads the Transit Bureau's Maintenance Support Group ensuring that LADOT's fleet of 356 Commuter Express, DASH and Cityride vehicles are properly maintained. His leadership and dedication ensures passage of California Highway Patrol inspections and, as a certified forklift trainer, over 50 of LADOT field operations staff have been trained by Tommy.

Video: LAFD and LADOT on the Same Bus

The Los Angeles Fire Department is recruiting and our DASH buses are currently running their public service announcement videos promoting applications for these exceptional careers with the City of Los Angeles. Take a look here and please pass along the link to people who may be interested in a rewarding civil service job, saving lives and making LA a great place to live, work and play.



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